

THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY

Friday, 8th September 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (Sri S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

PERMISSION TO PLAY HOUSIE AND OTHER HARMLESS GAMES IN RECOGNISED CLUBS.

*Q.—836. Sri F. W. CORBETT (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the decision if any taken on my letter dated the 12th November 1960 to the Deputy Minister for Home in response to his assurance on the floor of the House in replying to my question No. 204 that the question of permitting Housie and other comparatively harmless games of chance would be reviewed if a further representation were made;

(b) whether they will consider permitting this in the case of recognized clubs only and thus remove the discrimination of which it had complained in question under reference?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Home).—

(a) It is not proposed to make any modifications in the existing system for the present.

(b) No.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—Are Government aware that in the Race Club, for every race meeting, they are taking raffling where outsiders come and take ticket for two rupees, whereas in my club consisting of members, you do not allow us to bet even two annas?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, race is controlled by a legislation passed by this House and the club of the Members does not come within the purview of that.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—May I know whether the Prize and Lottery Competition Act prohibits the game of Housie?

† Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri H. ANNABASAPPA.—What is prohibited under the law is prohibited.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Whether it has come to the notice of Government that several people in the name of Bombay Show, etc., are given licenses by the Deputy Commissioner of the local authorities and they have allowed this game to be played in the rural parts?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Licenses are issued not to commit some of these offences under law, but for some other purpose. If that is misused, Government will take action.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—What is the meaning of game of Housie and how it is played? What is the game of chance in this particular game?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—This is not the occasion nor is it the forum to explain the details of the game Housie. It is for the Hon'ble Member to go and see where it is played.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Can the Minister tell me whether it is a game of chance?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Yes, it is a game of chance involving an element of profit.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—How is it a game of chance?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—If the Hon'ble Member wants to know, I will give a lecture on it elsewhere but not here.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—How many representations you have received and what is the decision you have taken on them?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—We have received a representation from Mr. Corbett requesting reconsidering of this question. It is considered and ruled out.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I want to know what are the reasons to prohibit? Whether it is harmful to society, I want to know.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—This game has an element of chance and an element of gambling and profit. Therefore, this cannot be considered as merely a recreation without an element of gambling.

Sri F. W. CARBETT.—Is it a fact that the Hon'ble Deputy Minister witnessed this game and gave his opinion that there is no fraud or dishonesty about it?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I am given to understand like that from your letter, that the Home Minister Home, visited that place. But I do not know whether the Deputy Minister has given any statement like that saying that there is no element of gambling of chance.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister has ever played this game?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I had no opportunity to play that game. Nor do I wish to have one.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—May I know whether in any other part of India or any part of the world this game of housie is prohibited under the law? Has the Government got any information and are they aware that in many important progressive countries of the world, it is not prohibited?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Well, I do not like to protract the answer so as to cover the entire world and what obtains in other countries. Here in Mysore we have found that housie game involves an element of chance and gamble and therefore we have prohibited.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Sir, you were pleased to say that you would be pleased to give a lecture on this; may I know the time and place and the extra salary you require for this?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I said, if need be.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Sir, is there any skill involved in this housie?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Absolutely not.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to pay a visit to any of these places where game is played and tell us whether it involves any game of chance or profit?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There is no need to visit any place where it is played, because Government have examined the entire game and the system obtaining and have come to the conclusion for very good reasons that it cannot be permitted to be played.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I understand a writ petition is pending disposal in the High Court.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There is a writ pending in the High Court and the contention of the petitioner is that the High Court should declare that the game does not come within the mischief of the Mysore Lotteries and Prize Competition Control Act, 1951 and to declare that section 11(5) of this Act is illegal and *ultra vires*.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—What is the difference between Housie and Dart?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I do not know about Dart.

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Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—If there is no element of profit, whatever be the other circumstances does it not become permissible under the Law?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I have already submitted that this Housie does involve an element of profit and an element of chance.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Since it is a matter to be examined by the High Court, it would not be correct to allow any question to be put in this House.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Legality apart, whether there is any question or element of profit or not is a purely administrative matter. Government can prescribe the rules and regulations by which they can certainly find out whether this game involves profit or not. There are institutions, any number, where they regulate the procedure and there is no element of profit. If there is no element of profit and if they make it permissible under the law, what objection could there be for the Government to allow such a game in institutions under proper control?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I have already submitted that it is very difficult for the police to apply this rigid restriction. But there cannot be any two opinions on the fact that it does involve an element of profit.

STARTING OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE

* Q.—942. **Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU** (Cubbonpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) the object of starting Medical Schools in the State ;
- (b) their number and places where they are proposed to be started ;
- (c) whether it is the intention of Government progressively to continue to start these Medical Schools ;
- (d) the number of qualified M.B.B.S., Graduates that would be approximately available for Government service starting from the first year of the Third Five-Year Plan till the end of the fourth year of the Third-Five Year Plan;
- (e) the number of L. M. P.s that would be qualified by the end of 4th year of the Third Five-Year Plan: and if such qualified L.M.P.s are upgraded (by condensed courses) the advantage the State would have derived by starting the L.M.P.s courses;
- (f) the guarantee that the qualified L.M.P. candidates would serve the interest of the mofussil parts throughout their career ?

A.—Sri K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

- (a) To meet the shortage of Doctors.
- (b) Two during the current year. One at Shimoga and the other at Bijapur.
- (c) No.
- (d)

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